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Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2009

Russia: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation – <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/>

Russian Association of Water Supply and Water Disposal – <http://www.raww.ru/>

Mosvodokanal – <http://www.mosvodokanal.ru/>

Vodokanal of Saint-Petersburg - <http://www.vodokanal.spb.ru>



Market Overview

The water utilities sector is one of the largest industries in Russia serving the entire Russian population. There are over 25,000 municipalities in Russia and virtually all have a local water utility. The key role is played by 5,000 utilities located in cities and towns. The Russian municipal water supply system includes water inlets, pumping stations, water preparation and purification stations, water supply networks and water sanitation stations. There are approximately 50,000 water supply stations and 20,000 water sanitation stations. In addition, there are 4,876 local water supply networks with a total length of 463,000 kilometers.

The main asset owners (water utility owners) are local governments. Although there are a few cases where the federal government owns water supply and sanitation systems (including the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg as well as in the water scarce regions of Primorye, Stavropol, and Krasnodar), in the majority of locations (95 percent) municipalities own both the water supply and sanitation properties and manage them as municipal unitary enterprises, or “vodokanals.” Vodokanals are responsible for supplying drinking water and cleaning wastewater.

According to expert estimates, due to lack of financing and a slow replacement rate, the share of domestically made water treatment equipment remains high, around 70 percent. Often U.S. companies cannot promote their water control or other types of water and wastewater treatment equipment into the Russian market because vodokanals and state water control laboratories will only buy products approved by the appropriate government agencies included in the recommended lists and methodological instructions. It is recommended that U.S. companies work directly with authorized representatives of design institutes and government agencies to include their products and technologies on the lists of equipment and supplies approved by the government.

Major domestic producers of water treatment equipment and products include Maxmir (www.maxmir.ru), Gelios Star (www.geliosco.ru), VGUP NII Vodgeo (www.watergeo.ru), and the Group of Companies “Topol-Eco.”

U.S. companies are represented by the following brands: GE Water, GE Infrastructure, Millipore, US Filter, Honeywell, Atoll, Dow Chemical, Ditch Witch, Sterillight, and Aquafilter.

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